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SUBJECT: COUNTRY STUDIES ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING
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1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH OUTLINE SUGGESTED DEPTTEL. FOLLOWING COMPLE-
MENTS POINTS ALREADY MADE IN REFTTEL B.

A. POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT FIRST ENUNCIATED BY THEN CONGOLESE
GOVERNMENT AT 1961 BELGRADE MEETING. THIS POLICY WAS REITERATED
BY CURRENT GOVERNMENT IN 1965 AND 1973, DEFINING ZAIRE'S POSITION
AS ONE OF "POSITIVE NEUTRALITY", DESIROUS OF SEEKING FRIENDSHIPS
WITH ALL COUNTRIES. GOZ HAS GENERALLLY PLAYED ACTIVE ROLE IN
NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS, MOST NOTABLY DURING CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS.

B. MOBUTU VIEWS HIMSELF AS A THIRD WORLD LEADER, ASSOCIATED WITH
NEITHER OF THE MAJOR POWER BLOCS, BUT LEANING FOR TIME BEING
TOWARD WEST IN LIGHT HIS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. IN EFFORT TO DE-
MONSTRATE INDEPENDENCE, HE HAS TAKEN ACTIONS WHICH INCLUDED
ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND DPRK (THE
LATTER RELATIONSHIP HAS SINCE COOLED SOMETHAT),
ZAIRIANIZATION AND RADICALIZATION OF FOREIGN FIRMS
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(ESSENTIALLY WESTERN), AND SEARCH FOR MILITARY AND

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM ALL QUARTERS. HE CAN THEREFORE BE EXPECTED TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT COURSE WHEN IT SUITS HIS PURPOSES.

C. PRIMARY FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS INCLUDE A DESIRE TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, SOUTHERN AFRICA, RIDDING CONTINENT OF SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE.

D. GOZ IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AND INVOLVED IN RAW MATERIAL PRICE TRADE ISSUES (REFTEL B).ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US, GOZ OPPOSES EXPLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN AND IS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE MORE RADICAL STEPS ON MIDDLE EAST. GOZ APPEARS PREPARED TO SUPPORT US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO, WHILE ON KOREA IT WILL MAINTAIN NEUTRAL POSTURE.

E. GOZ REACTION TO US APPROACHES IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON DEGREE TO WHICH GOZ PERCEIVES THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE WILL SERVE TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED US RESPONSIVENESS TO ZAIRE'S OWN NEEDS AND CONCERNS WITHOUT, HOWEVER, SERIOUSLY UNDERMINING ZAIRE'S IMAGE AS ACTIVE PROMOTOR OF THIRD WORLD INTERESTS.
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